Natural Resources Data Management System Centres in Karnataka

3471. SHRI K. B. KR1SHNAMURTHY: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) how many Natural Resources Data Management System Centres are functioning in Karnataka;

(b) the amount released to each Centre during 2000-2001 and 2001-2002;

(c) which districts are proposed to be covered during 2002-2003 in that State;

(d) whether the Karnataka Government has sent any proposal for continuation of second phase of the project; and

(e) if so, whether Government would take steps to establish these centres in all the remaining districts of that State during 2002-2003?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT): (a) Out of the 16 NRDMS Centres established, 15 NRDMS Centres arc functioning Centre at Gulberga is not functioning due to operational problems.

(b) The Karnataka State Council for Science & Technology (KSCST) is the implementing agency of NRDMS. Centre wise distribution of funds is done by KSCST. In the year 2000-2001 Department of Science* Technology had released Rs. 2.50 lakhs for the projects. In the year 2001-2002 an amount of Rs. 15.90 lakhs was released to meet non-recurring expenditure of new centres and the recurring expenditure of all the centres (excluding the salary component which is met by Government of Karnataka)

(c) The following four districts are proposed to be covered in 2002-2003:

1. Bangalore (urban)
2. Bidar
3. Chickmangalore
4. Chitradurga

(d) and (e) So far no such proposal has been received by this Ministry.